# HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Congratulations to all 4-H members who entered exhibits in last week's Five County Fair. The importance of exhibiting cannot be overemphasized. Participation is the real key to success as a 4-H'er. It's always nice to win a top award, but it's more important to take part.

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A reminder to all 4-H'ers that last year's completed projects are due in the Extension Office by October 19. Remember, to do a good, complete job on your projects.

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The Appomattox Chapter of the American Society will hold their Annual Bike-A-Thon Sunday afternoon, October 7, beginning at 2:00p.m. Sponsor sheets are available in each school office, from the Extension Office and from Travelers Inn Motel. Community Club 4-H'ers may ride as a group. Last year, the Evergreen Club received a plaque as the club which raised the most money in the fight against cancer.

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Newly elected officers for the Teen Leader Club are President: David Caldwell, Vice President: Susan Parris, Secretary: Cheryl Walton, Treasurer: Laurie Cowan and Reporter: Laura Walton.

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Four community 4-H groups built educational exhibits for the Five County Fair. They were: Evergreen, Falling River, 4-H Achievers and the Teen Leader Club.

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Now is the time for 4-H members to begin thinking about livestock exhibits for next year's Five County Fair and other livestock shows. The 4-H and FFA members who do the best job with their livestock are the ones who plan ahead, select their animal early and practice their showing techniques.

## Talent Runs in the Family!

Shawn Womack, right, and Charles Womack, on the left, congratulate each other on winning first prize in the Talent Contest at the Five County Fair.

Shawn, age 7, won first place and a cash award of $20.00 in the Junior Division (ages 4-13). He played "That Old Piano Roll Blues."

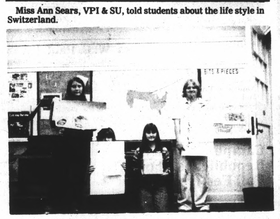
Charles Womack, Jr., better known as Chuck, also won first place, in the Senior Division (ages 14-20). He played "The Great Smokey Mountains."

Shawn and Chuck are active in the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and Junior State Festival. They have had continuous scores of superior. Each entered an original composition in the three catagories: State Federation, National Federation, and National Guild; both are National winners. Shawn's orginal composition won second place in the State of Virginia. Both young men played 10 compositions from memory at the National Guild Audition.

Chuck and Shawn are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Womack, Sr. Mrs. Womack is employed in the Guidance Office of the Appomattox County Middle School and Mr. Womack is employed by Babcock and Wilcox. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bass Ferguson, Sr. of Gladstone and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Womack, Sr., of Charlotte Court House.

Both Chuck and Shawn are students of Mrs. Joyce Vaughan of Spout Spring.

Miss Ann Sears, VPI & SU, told students about the life style in Switzerland.



Some students prepared foreign foods for their families and shared recipes with classmates.

Students in Miss Hudson's Consumer & Homemaking I Class gave reports on cultures around the world.

## "Influences on our Culture"

One Consumer and Homemaking I Class at Appomattox Middle School has been studying the influences of other cultures on our culture here in Central Virginia. Activities included a study of foods from around the United States, origins and meanings of names, and cultural influences from around the world. Students also did individual projects and reports as follows: The Deep South - Ann Watts; The West - Lisa Reed; England - Virginia Crews; Spain - Rita Shavone Marshall; South America - Mary Webb and Angela Pollard; Africa - Terry Johnson; France - Janice Baker, Gwyn Daulton, Helen Williams, and Carrie Pennington; Germany - Connie Webber.

On Friday, September 14, Miss Ann Sears, Home Economics student from VPI & SU, presented a slide presentation on a student exchange trip to Switzerland which the students enjoyed very much.

## Future Homemakers and 4-H'ers Model at Five County Fair

Models representing the Future Homemakers and 4-H Clubs of Appomattox County were most successful at the Five County Fair. Pictured above are Lisa Puckett, Cheryl Walton, Laurie McLean, Joan Williams, Sharon Davis, Laura Walton, Laurie Cowan, Susan Parris, Sylvia Trent, Joannie Canada, Regina Coggins, Rhonda Nash, Lisa Moore and Sherry Roope. These 14 young ladies were among the 77 models that participated in the largest ever Fashion Revue held at the Five County Fair.

Happy smiling 4-H'ers who modeled in the Five County Fair Fashion Revue are as follows: (Front Row) Waltrice Lee, Natasha Woolridge and Cheryl Wooten. (Back Row) Valerie Guill, Robin Miller, Patricia Myrick, Laureen Garcia, Anne Hancock, JoAnn Jamerson and Jennifer Coleman.

Other 4-H'ers modeling were: Latrese Lee, Lisa Campbell, Nancy Cole, Nancy Wooldridge, Cindy Wooten, Dana Lee and Stacy Myrick.

Not pictured but modeled in the Five County Fashion Revue were Chris Webber, Kimberly Romanac, Jessica Stanley, Karen Stevens, Holly Neville, Kelly Neville, Martha Haley, Tara Walker, Gail Wooldridge and Elizabeth Saunders.

Appomattox County is extremely proud to congratulate 41 young ladies who participated in the Annual Fashion Revue. These young ladies won a total of $123.50. Congratulations, girls! We are extremely proud of you.

## South's Forest Industry Plans 629 Million New Trees:

### Is That Enough?

The South's forest industry planted a record 629,370,682 pine and hardwood trees during the 1978-79 planting season, but that's not enough to meet the double-demand for wood and paper products projected for the year 2020, says Southern Forest Institute.

"Consumers should be concerned with productivity on independent lands owned by farmers, factory workers, businessmen and housewives--some two million individuals owning 73% of the 200-million acres of commercial forestland in the South," says Don Smith, SFI's director of forest resources.

He adds, "Tree-planting efforts on the 18% owned by industry is 'intensive' forest management. On the other hand, private, non-industrial lands--too often not managed--are producing at only half their potential."

The U.S. Forest Service reports one-million acres of valuable pine forests lost each year because independent landowners don't regenerate harvested tracts.

Smith says, "Many landowners don't understand forest management. Some don't have the capital to invest in a long-term forestry investment. Many have other plans for their land. Too many, however, aren't aware of available assistance."

For example, industry distributed 92,227,229 pine seedlings and 54,900 hardwood seedlings to landowners during the last planting season. State nurseries sold another 200-million seedlings to non-industrial landowners.

Smith warns, "There is, however, a seedling shortage on the horizon. State nurseries aren't receiving adequate funds to expand. Forest companies are rapidly establishing new nurseries in the South, but it takes time to get them into full production. Last year 372,237, 126 pine and hardwood seedlings were grown in industry nurseries."

SFI recommends landowners contact local forest companies, state forestry agencies, extension service offices, or private, consulting forestry firms for example, under professional guidance, direct seeding a harvested site in much the same way you sow other agricultural crops. Industry direct seeded 52,534 acres last year.

Another method is to leave a few trees standing in a harvested site to allow for "natural" tree regeneration.

Productivity can be increased by planting superior seedlings--trees that grow faster, straighter and taller than normal trees. During the '78-79 planting season, industry planted 296,238,348 "superior trees."

Smith concludes, "Forestry is agriculture in slow-motion. It can earn as much as 10-15% return on investment. It's also an investment in improved recreation, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and control or erosion. A simple phone call by an independent landowner can get the ball rolling."

SFI recommends landowners contact local forest companies, state forestry agencies, extension service offices, or private, consulting forestry firms for advice. They can make recommendations and help find financial assistance through government cost-share programs.

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## OBITUARIES

**John T. Spencer**

John Thomas Spencer 42, of Route 2 Gladstone died in a Richmond hospital Wednesday, Sept. 12, after a short illness.

Born in Buckingham County March 15, 1937, he was a son of the late Joseph W. and Myrtle Gunter Spencer. He was a truck driver for Hitchurst Paving Co., and a veteran of the Army.

He is survived by five brothers, Robert J. Spencer of Lynchburg, Wilbur M. Spencer of Wingina, William D. Spencer, Charlie E. Spencer and James D. Spencer, all of Lynchburg, and four sisters, Mrs. Edna S. Reynolds and Mrs. Louise S. Jennings, both of Lynchburg, Mrs. Daisey W. Sanders and Mrs. Lois M. Carroll, both of Richmond.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday from Eastbrook Baptist Church by the Rev. Robert Mills. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Ernest Edwards**

Mrs. Nellie H. Edwards of Red House died Wednesday, Sept. 12, at her residence.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Edwards; a son, Nathaniel Edwards; three daughters, Felicia Sullivan and Ella and Mary Jane Edwards; eight grandchildren; a son-in-law; six brothers; eight sisters; aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; four brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mount Zion Baptist Church, Red House, with interment in the church cemetery.

Jeffress Funeral Home, Charlotte Court House was in charge of arrangements.

**Dr. William P. Geisler**

D. William Paul Geisler of Concord died at 9 a.m. Friday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

An optometrist, he practiced in Appomattox and Brookneal for 25 years. He practiced in Lynchburg for a short time. Born in Queens, N. Y., he was a son the the late William Geisler and Marie Marzeck.

He was educated in public schools in Queens, N.Y., and attended high shcool in New Jersey. He was a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he was president of his junior and senior class. He was listed in "Who's Who In American Colleges."

He was a member of Court Street United Methodist Church, and an Air Force veteran of World War II. He was past commander of the American Legion Post No. 104 in Appomattox and president of Falling River Country Club.

He was a member of the Lynchburg Sports Club, Lynchburg Moose Lodge, Elks Club, Concord Ruritan Club, Piedmont Club, Brookneal Lions Club, Slate River Hunting Club, Oakridge Hunting Club and board of directors for the Concord Rescue Squad.

He is survived by a sister, Muriel A. Geisler of New York; two brothers, Walter G. Geisler and John Geisler, both of New York; five nieces, Diane Dubno, Barbara Graff, Muriel M. Geisler, Candace Geisler and Michele Geisler; a nephew, Walter Geisler Jr., and a great nephew, Corey Graff.

Pallbearers were Jessie Guill, C. T. Moses, Jr., Webb Babcock, Hunter Roberts, Ronnie Hendrix, Carey Clowdis, William Guthrie and Vince Lusardi.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Robert L. Watts. Burial was in Concord Cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorials are asked to consider the American Cancer Society.

**Mrs. Wm. H. Farrar**

Mrs. Sandra Wood Farrar, 43, of 9103 Oakland Circle, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1979, at her home.

Born in Lynchburg, she was a daughter of the late Holcomb T. and Vara Mitchell Wood. She was the wife of Wm. H. Farrar. She was a member of Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Wm. Hamilton Farrar II, a student at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville; a daughter, Marcia Anne Farrar, a student at Elon College, N.C.; brother, Holcomb T. Wood Jr. of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Miss C. Faye Wood of Ferrum, Mrs. Adrian E. Hickman of Richmond, and Mrs. A. Craddock McWane of Lynchburg, and an aunt, Mrs. S. Paul Cawthorne of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Diuguid Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Edward Leonard Jr. and burial was at Liberty Cemetery in Appomattox.

The family requests memorials be made to Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox.

**Mrs. John L. Erne**

Minnie Bentley Erne, 75, of 118 N. Blue Ridge St., died Sunday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born in Campbell County, she was a daughter of the late Luther R. Bentley and Lula Pillow Bentley. She was a retired employee of N&W Industrials and a member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church. She was the widow of John Luke Erne.

She is survived by a son, Robert L. Erne of Wilmington, Del.; a sister, Mrs. Ruth B. Mann of Appomattox County and two grandsons, Gary L. Erne and Glenn R. Erne, both of Wilmington, Del.

A funeral service was conducted from West Lynchburg Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Wednesday by the Rev. Paul Brunner. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Diuguid Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**Emmitt R. Fleshman**

APPOMATTOX - Emmitt Royal Fleshman of Rt.1, Appomattox, died Tuesday in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomatox. he was a son of the late Lee Fleshman and Mrs. Maria Fleshman Chilton. He was a retired cook for N&W Railroad. He was an active member of the Grand Order of Moses and Promised Land Baptist Church where he was a member of the deacon board and superintendent of the Sunday School.

He is survived by his wife, Mar. Mary Thornton Fleshman; a stepfather, Edgar Chilton of Appomattox; three sons, Joe E. Fleshman, Henry Lee Fleshman and Willis West Fleshman all of Appomattox; four daughters, Mrs. Frances Randolph of Appomattox, Mrs. Doris Stevens of Lynchburg, Mrs. Willie Mae Randolph of Uniondale, N. Y. and Mrs. Margie Manns of Saratoga, Ariz; three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Mitchell of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Eula Harvey of Spout Spring, and Mrs. Ella Harvey of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two brothers, Arthur Chilton of Appomattox, and Carlton Chilton of Philadelphia, Pa.; 22 grandchildren eight great-grandchildren, five sons-in-law, three daughters-in law and five sisters-in-law.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2:30 P.M. from Promised Land Baptist Church in Appomattox. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Rev.R.Q. Lawing will officiate.

His remains will lie in state at the church Saturday from 12:30 P.M. until time for the funeral.

The family is at the residence of Henry Fleshman.

Community Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Frank D. Flynn**

Lulu Crain Flynn, 88, of Route 3, Appomattox, died at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday in Liberty House Nursing Home after a long illness. She was the wife of Frank D. Flynn.

Born in Benton, Ill., she was a daughter of the late James Crain and Mary Buntin Crain. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Appomattox.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Francis L. Flynn of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Jean F. Moore of Long Beach, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Dalton of Thomasonville, Ill., eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Evergreen 4-H

On September 13, 1979 the Evergreen 4-H Club met at the home of Bernadine Garrett.

Nancy Wooldridge and Bernadine Garrett led us in the pledges.

Our 4-H Booth at the Five County Fair won second place. Four members also entered exhibits in the fair.

Mr. Sweet talked to us about the Bicycle-A-Thon set for October 7th. at 2 p.m. He brought the new 4-H calenders that will be sold for 25 cents each. Mr. Sweet also presented a slide program on the exchange program of Appomattox 4-H'ers in Nebraska.

We elected new officers, they are: President, Anita Harvey, Vice-President, Karen Stevens, Secretary, Tamara Hamlett, Treasurer, Charlene Harvey, Reporter, Bernadine Garrett, Historian, Dwayne Hamlett, Recreation Leaders, Brenda Haskins and Nancy Wooldridge.

The new officers will go the to Extension office on October 1, 1979 at 4:30 p.m.

Our next ngeeting will be at the home of Nancy Wooldridge.

We will welcome anyone that would like to join our club.

Reporter Bernadine Garrett

## Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin spent the weekend of Sept. 15th in the home of Mrs. Marshall Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Plunket, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Megginson and Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin were supper guests in this home Sunday night.

Mr. Dotridge Martin and Mr. Newton Jennings were visitors in the home of Mrs. Marshall Martin Tuesday night.

Mr. Gordon Martin, Stephanie, Milleent and Timothy were supper guests of Mrs. Marshall Martin on Saturday night in celebration of Timothy's departure for V.P.I. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page were Sunday dinner guests in this home.

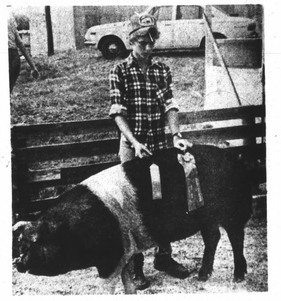
Mr. and Mrs. James Martin visited Miss Ethel Gardener and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Marshall Sunday P.M.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Marshall. Sorry she was sick while there.

Mr. Doug Marshall has had a virus for several days but is better.

Many people from this area went to Trinity Methodist Church Rally Sunday. Excellent devotional by the youth group. Singing was given by Fellowship Four and Jackie. The program, food and social hour was enjoyed by all.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY'S Clowdis brothers, Glen, right, and Dale, had the Reserve and Grand Champion Market Hogs, respectively, at the Five-County Fair last week. Glen also showed the Grand Champion pen of feeder pigs.



JEAN JAMERSON of Pamplin, representing Appomattox County at the Five-County Fair, poses with his Grand Champion Gilt.

TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST winner Cliff White of Cumberland is at the wheel of the International tractor used in the competition. Second placer was Dale Glover of Appomattox, center; and third place was James Slayton of Prince Edward County, left. The contest was held last week at the Five-County Fair

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